



Monroe County Parks Department

Ellison Park

General Information:

Ellison Park has the beauty of natural woodlands combined with steep slopes and the level flood plain of Irondequoit Creek. Ellison has many baseball diamonds and two playgrounds as well. Most are located around a lodge or shelter. A tennis court is also located in the park and free for use. As well as the different fields, there are two exceptional sledding hills located in Ellison Park. A Canoe Launch located by the circle shelter allows you to canoe in Irondequoit Creek, fishing is allowed. Ellison Park has many trails, their locations are shown on the trail maps. Fort Schuyler is another attraction that the park offers; this replica of the original Fort is a great attraction for the whole family.

This park has four enclosed lodges, which range from holding 63 people to 44. They include picnic tables inside, a wood burning stove or a fireplace, a grill and burner stove tops. Bathrooms are located outside near by and water is available next to the lodges in a spigot. There are six open-air shelters, which included a grill, water near by and picnic tables. For information and reservations please call 256-4950 between the hours of 8:30-4:30, or see our Online Reservation System.

Location/Directions:

The park is located at 395 Rich's Dugway, Rochester, NY 14625. The main entrance of this park is located east of route 590 on Blossom road in the towns of Brighton and Penfield.

Coming from the **West Side** you would take 390 South to 590 North, get off at Blossom Road and make a right. Blossom will take you right into the park.

Coming from the **East Side** take 590 north to the Blossom Road exit and make a right.

Coming from the **New York State thruway** take I-90 east to exit 1-52 toward BUFFALO AIRPORT/ALBANY. Merge onto 390 north using exit 46 toward ROCHESTER. Take 390 north to 590 north and get off at exit 15 toward DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER. Take 590 North to the Blossom Road exit and make a right, Blossom Road will take you into the park.

History:

Officially the first Monroe County Park, Ellison Park came into being in December of 1926. The county accepted approximately 200 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Ellison in memory of Mr. Ellison's father, Nathaniel. Ellison Park has been the hub of many historical events and locations. Indian landing which was located on Irondequoit Creek, for many years was used by the indigenous Iroquois as the beginning of the portage route which stretched along Ellison and many other parks. In 1717 a trading post was established called Fort Des Sables by the French. This fort stood in the area where Sea Breeze is now. They traded cloth, blankets, knives, and cooking utensils to obtain fur from the Native Americans. Ellison's rich history has helped the park to develop while keeping its natural appearance.

Park Hours:

November 1st till March 31st Monday through Thursday 7am till 4pm (Lodges are available starting at 10 am). Friday through Sunday the parks hours are from 7am till 11pm (Lodges are available starting at 10am).

April 1st till October 31st all week/weekend long the park is open from 7am till 11pm (Lodges and Shelters are available starting at 10 am).

Rules and Regulations:

Amplified music is allowed except for the south side, this includes the Island Shelter, South Lodge, Spruce Shelter, Circle Shelter, and the Sycamore Shelter.

Any type or form of glass is not allowed in the park.

All refuse must be taken with you when you exit the park, the carry in- carry out rule goes for all areas of the park including the facilities.

Alcohol is allowed in the parks, the amount allowed is either 32 oz of liquor or a six pack of beer per person who is 21 or over.

Pets are allowed as long as they are on a leash and you are responsible for cleaning up after them.

This is not a complete listing of the Parks Regulations.